



# LEICHHARDT SAINTS INFORMATION 2008

Welcome to Leichhardt Saints for 2008. Thank you for choosing our great Club. Below are some things you may need to know, and answers to some frequently asked questions, so **please** read it!

**Training starts week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Competition starts weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> April**

## MAILING LIST

- **PLEASE** subscribe to the mail list on our website [www.leichhardtsaints.com](http://www.leichhardtsaints.com). Home and/or work addresses are welcome. This is our main way of communicating with players/parents, advising of events, offers, ground closures and a monthly Bulletin. Stay informed!

## TRAINING

Training commences, for all ages, at King George Park in the week beginning 3 March, as follows:

<b>Monday 3 March</b>	<b>5-6pm</b> <b>6-7pm</b>	<b>Under 6, 7 and 8</b> <b>Under 11 and 12 (boys and mixed teams)</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 March</b>	<b>5-6pm</b> <b>6-7.15pm</b> <b>7.15-9pm</b>	<b>Under 9 and 10 (including Girls) plus under 11 girls</b> <b>Under 13 and up plus under 12 Girls</b> <b>All-Age &amp; 035 Men and Women</b>

Team lists will be available at the first training session. Some older ages may train on Friday nights at King George, and/or on Wednesdays/Thursdays at Federal Park in Glebe. Your coach or manager will advise you of any change to your training time or venue. Please, however, come to King George the first week so all team lists and paperwork can be finalized unless advised otherwise.

## GRADING TRIALS

**\*Please refer to the Club's Grading Policy which is on the website – [www.leichhardtsaints.com](http://www.leichhardtsaints.com).**

Grading trials to assist in team formation for the season will take place on the following dates at King George Park, Rozelle, with further dates the following week, as necessary;

- Under 8 Monday 11 & 18 February 5pm- 6pm
- Under 9 Wednesday 13 & 20 February 5pm-6pm
- Under 10 Wednesday 13 & 20 February 5pm-6pm
- Under 11 Wednesday 13 & 20 February 6pm-7pm
- Under 12 Wednesday 13 & 20 February 6pm-7pm
- Under 13/14 Monday 18 & 25 February 6pm – if required

\*\*Under 6 and 7s do not need to attend grading trials.

**Further trials** will be held the following week for some of these age groups, as deemed necessary, to form teams to the optimum benefit of all. You will be advised if it is necessary to attend again at the conclusion of the first session. Attendance at grading is not compulsory, but recommended if you wish to play at your appropriate skill level. It is therefore requested that new players attend the trials. If, following Registration, it becomes apparent that other age groups require grading to form competitive teams with the players available, details will be posted on the website and distributed via the Club mail list\*.

## RAIN PROCEDURE (Leichhardt Council Hotline - 9367 9190)

If it should be raining on a training night, the Council may have closed the ground. They have a **hotline - 9367 9190**, which is updated after 3pm daily when necessary, informing of ground closures. If King George is closed, **no one** is allowed to train. An email message will also be sent out to all subscribers on the Club mail list\*, time permitting. If the ground is open, training is optional. Some teams like to train in the rain! Games are sometimes played in the rain, if grounds remain open. If it is raining on game day and you are playing at home (or in the Leichhardt Municipality), the above hotline still applies, though it is not updated until the grounds have been checked (often not until 8.30am). They try to keep them open. If you are playing elsewhere, the Club Competition Secretary should be advised which grounds are closed, and will inform the managers of those teams affected. Ground closures for weekend games may also be posted on [www.footballcanterbury.com.au](http://www.footballcanterbury.com.au). Unless you learn otherwise, please go to the ground prepared to play. It may not be wet in other parts of Sydney.

## COMPETITION

The CDSFA Competition commences on Saturday **5 April**/Sunday **6 April** in 2008, and games will continue throughout the April School Holidays, as follows:

- Under 6 -12 boys and mixed teams play on Saturdays between 9am and 1pm.
- Over 35s play on Saturday afternoons between 1pm and 5pm.
- All-Age men can play on Saturday afternoons or Sunday, depending which comp they enter in.
- All-girls' and women's teams, plus older boys (under 13 and up) play on Sundays somewhere between 9am and 5pm. The time for each age group is likely to vary, depending on the grounds available and the number of games scheduled at each ground.
- The June Long weekend and middle weekend of the July public school holidays do not have games scheduled for the under 6-9s. They may be used for catch-up games for all other ages.

Your team manager will notify you of your game venue and time. The draw will also be available on the CDSFA website, at [www.footballcanterbury.com.au](http://www.footballcanterbury.com.au), and also, time permitting, on the Club one - [www.leichhardtsaints.com](http://www.leichhardtsaints.com). Things do change, and grounds are closed, but your manager should always have the latest information.

Games are played anywhere in the Canterbury District, which covers Balmain, Marrickville, Concord, Strathfield, and as far away as Roselands. Most, but not all, of our home games are played at King George Park, but we are limited by part-time ground availability, and in some cases, too many teams. Most under 6 games will be at home.

## DRESS CODE AND SAFETY

- All players are required to wear football boots and shin pads for training and games. Club shorts and socks should be worn to all games. These are available for purchase from the Club, at training nights, usually from, or near, the canteen at King George Park.
- The playing strips are provided to the team by the Club to be worn at the game (only), and should be kept together by the team and returned at the end of the season.
- **Jewellery, including earrings and wedding rings, cannot be worn for games.**
- The Club also has a selection of merchandise available for purchase – Club caps, bags, polo shirts and fleece tops for adults and children.
- Players should come to games with a water bottle. Sharing is not allowed. Most grounds have canteens open for the sale of drinks and snacks, however.
- Parents should remember that their children remain their responsibility at training and games. It is very dark in parts of King George during the winter, and coaches **cannot** also be child minders!

## COMMUNICATION

We (the Committee, coaches, managers, players and parents) are very fortunate that our Club is able to be run, predominantly, by email. Please therefore ensure your team manager always has your current email address\* (and phone number for emergencies, of course). This system has worked very well for many years now, and takes an awful lot of pressure off the Committee and managers (plus helps to keep Telstra's profits down!) If you have a question, your manager may well know the answer, so ask him/her first. If not, they can contact the Club Secretary on behalf of the team. If you personally need to contact a Committee member (after first making sure the answer is not on our website – which is informative and generally up-to-date), please use the link on the Contact page on the website. This way, we know it is from a trusted source, and it will reach us at our preferred address.

**NB. No one from the Club, except the appropriate Committee member, should contact CDSFA direct, by phone or email.**

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**AND FINALLY**, Football is meant to be a fun, healthy, social activity. Let's keep it that way! This Club is a Community Club, kept running by volunteers, with the demands on their time and energy growing every year. Please support the Club (and its Canteen, which is the main source of fund raising), and put your hand up to help out where you can, whether it be as coach or manager (the team cannot run without them, and most are parents of players), ground official, referee (particularly for the younger teams) or linesman, barbecue chef, canteen helper, gopher, shirt washer, ground setter upper, sponsor seeker... If everyone does their bit, we can hopefully continue to prosper.

